

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title of the application as follows:

~~THERAPEUTIC OR PROPHYLACTIC AGENT FOR ARTHRITIS A METHOD OF
TREATING ARTHRITIS AND PROMOTING GROWTH OF ARTICULAR
CHONDROCYTES~~

Before line 1 of the specification (after the Title), please insert the paragraph as follows:

This application is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP05/06831 filed on March 31, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) of Patent Application No. 2004/107924 filed in Japan on March 31, 2004. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.